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Attention: Ms. Tashia Clemons

Mr. Edward Carranza Jr. Acting Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 90 Seventh Street, Suite 15-300 San Francisco, CA 94103-6701

Attention: Mr. Ted Matley

Dear Ms. Clemons and Mr. Matley:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits Amendment No. 29 to the Rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization area portion of the California 2017 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment adds one new project and modifies the funding and programming of two (2) grouped project listings in various counties:

Proj 1: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0436, California Strategic Highway Safety Plan - programs a new project for \$6 million from the Highway Safety Improvement Program in various federal fiscal years (FFYs).

Proj 2: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0146, Grouped Projects for Activities that do not lead to Construction - Federally Mandated Bridge Inspection Program - increases the total funding by \$19.7 million in FFYs 17/18 and 19/20 consistent with the Highway Bridge Program listing as of 3/29/2018.

Proj 3: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0241, Grouped Project Listing for Operating Assistance to Transit Agencies - increases the total funding by \$26.3 million in FFY 18/19 and revises the detailed listing of projects.

Documentation associated with this amendment include summary of programming changes, project documentation, and updated financial plan. This amendment was posted for public review and comment for fourteen (14) days that commenced on April 3 through April 17, 2018 as required by the FSTIP public participation plan. No comments were received during the public review period. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Projects in this amendment with funding beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are included for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In addition to being available

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in CTIPS, programming pages for each project are also included as part of *Attachment 1*, *Summary of Changes and Project Details*. The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the 2017 FSTIP Financial Plan and remains financially constrained as demonstrated in *Attachment 2*, *Financial Summary Tables*.

Based upon correspondence from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve this FSTIP Amendment No. 29 for inclusion into California's 2017 FSTIP. I am also recommending that the FHWA and the FTA approve this amendment. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, please contact Lilibeth Green at (916) 654-3521 or <u>Lilibeth.Green@dot.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Attachments

c: Karina O'Connor, EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures)
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Ted Matley, FTA (w/enclosures)